

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2010

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:20 PM by the HRA Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Shawnee Community College, 8364 Shawnee College Road in Ullin.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Pam O'Connor, Phyllis Brown, Sharon Mumford, Jim Livesay, Kathy Rambeau, Al Farmer

Members Absent: Clarence Russell, Brad Friend

Staff Present: Teresa Parks, Judy Atherton

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

IV: Introductions: The HRA Director, Teresa Parks, was introduced to the new HRA members. Ms. Parks commended the members for all of their volunteer efforts and welcomed the new members to the Authority.

V: Review and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Livesay moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

VI: Confidentiality Statement: The Confidentiality Statement was waived due to no members of the public being present.

VII: Communications. The Coordinator reported that responses were received for 10-110-9026 (Pathway House II), 10-110-9026, 10-110-9039, and 10-110-9040 (Chester Mental Health Center).

VIII: New Business:

A: New Complaints:

11-110-9009...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving serving in the least restrictive environment. The elderly recipient with mobility problems was accused of hitting a female in a public area and inappropriately sent to a very restrictive setting. Rambeau moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

11-110-9010...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was inappropriately placed in restraints. It is alleged that the recipient did not exhibit any aggressive actions toward self or others. Mumford moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Livesay) and carried.

11-110-9011...A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility is not receiving services in the least restrictive environment. It is reported that the recipient is ready for transfer; however, placement is not available...Livesay moved to accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9012...It is alleged that disabled individual was physically abused by police officers from an area police department in 1995. It is also alleged that the individual was inappropriately placed in restraints at a state-operated mental health center in August of 1995. Brown moved to not accept the new complaint for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

B: Other New Business: None

Brown moved to enter closed session to discuss confidential information. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried. Closed session began at 5:40 PM. Chairperson O'Connor ended the closed session at 6:35 PM. Coordinator Atherton summarized the closed session. Case status updates were given for eight cases. One draft report of findings was approved as written. One report of findings was approved subject to the Director's approval. The responses for three cases were accepted with substantiated findings were accepted and a response for one case was not accepted. Seven cases were closed, and the Authority voted to make the findings a part of the public record. One case was tabled for closure.

IX: Unfinished Business:

A: Case Status Updates:

10-110-9043....Union County Ambulance Service....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

10-110-9048....Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

10-110-9049...Choate Mental Health Center (MI Division) An investigation has not been conducted and information has not been obtained. Member Brown agreed to make the site visit.

11-110-9002...Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9004...Chester Mental Health Center....Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9005...Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9006...Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9008...Chester Mental Health Center....Members (Farmer and Rambeau) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B: Reports of Findings:

10-110-9044...Chester Mental Health Center...Livesay moved to approve the draft report as written and to send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

10-110-9045...Chester Mental Health Center...Brown moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the Director's approval and upon the Director's approval send it to the provider. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

C: Closure

10-110-9025...Pathway House...Farmer moved to not accept the facility response, and table closing the case. The motion was properly seconded (Mumford) and carried.

10-110-9026...Chester Mental Health Center....Mumford moved to accept the response, close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

10-110-9031...Chester Mental Health Center....Brown moved to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

10-110-9032...Chester Mental Health Center....Mumford moved to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

10-110-9034...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

10-110-9039...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to accept the facility's response, close the case and make the report a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

10-110-9040...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case and make the findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

10-110-9047...Chester Mental Health Center...Mumford moved to close the case and make the findings a part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded (Rambeau) and carried.

X: Announcements:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at Western Sizzlin Meeting Room, 1808 Bittle Place in Marion on November 16 at 5 PM.

XI: Adjournment:

Rambeau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Recording Secretary
Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority.